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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director(support)****SUBJECT: Application of A. T. & T. Co., for Cable  
Landing License**

1. Under date of 19 October, Mr. Dulles received a letter from the Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM), forwarding a number of papers which have been filed with the FCC in connection with subject application. These are for our information and to complete our files.

2. The ODM, in my opinion, acted in a high-handed manner in singling out A. T. & T. to lay a high capacity marine cable from San Francisco to Hawaii (Mr. Harold Botkin who was then in the ODM as Assistant Director for Telecommunications, was from A. T. & T. and has now returned there).

3. As a result of the application to the FCC by A. T. & T., other companies have petitioned FCC for a re-hearing as they are in opposition to the granting of the application by FCC. This is a highly controversial matter and if it gets to Congress I predict there will be quite a wrangle.

4. In transmitting the above matter to me, you had a note on a routing slip, "I haven't read this. If there is anything in it I should be briefed on, please let me know." Inasmuch as CIA should not get involved in this fuss, I think what I have written here is all that you need to know at the moment.

H. M. McClelland  
Director of Communications

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-cc. PTD.

